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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following response and amendment. Enclosed herewith is a fee authorization to extend the time for response for one month.

Applicants elect with traverse Group I (claims 1-18, 30 and 31), drawn to nucleic acids, and SEQ ID NO:1, claims 1-67, in part, as identified by the Examiner.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks regarding the claim amendments and restriction requirement begin on page 7 of this paper.

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